



Concept note

II Regional Meeting on crime and criminal justice statistics:

Development of crime and criminal justice statistics and their contribution for SDG monitoring in Asia-Pacific

Venue: Seoul, Republic of Korea

Date: 14-16 November 2016

Background

In 2013, the UN Statistical Commission and the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice endorsed “*The Roadmap to Improve the Quality and Availability of Crime Statistics at the National and International Level*” (E/CN.3/2013/11 and E/CN.3/2015/8), jointly developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico. This document has set the ground for successive work to improve data on crime and criminal justice, as for example the development of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS). In this framework, the first global meeting of national Focal Points of the United Nations Survey of Crime Trends and Operations of the Criminal Justice System (UN-CTS) – the annual data collection managed by UNODC – was held in Vienna, Austria on 9-11 May 2016. Among other topics, that meeting discussed the new information needs and data challenges deriving from the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the field of security, access to justice and rule of law.

In the Asia-Pacific region, the first meeting on crime statistics was held in December 2014 in Bangkok, jointly organized by UNODC, UNESCAP, TIJ and KIC. This meeting gathered representatives from 23 countries and a number of international organizations and identified challenges and priority areas to improve statistics on crime and criminal justice in the region. Building on this work, the second regional meeting on “*Development of crime and criminal justice statistics and their contribution for SDG monitoring in Asia-Pacific*” - jointly organized by UNODC, UNESCAP, TIJ and KIC – will be held on 14-16 November, 2016 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, hosted by the KIC. This conference seeks to review recent progress on crime and criminal justice statistics in the region and to identify concrete ways to

improve their quality and availability also in view of new information needs deriving from the SDGs. Inspired by the very successful experience of the UNODC-INEGI Centre of Excellence in Statistical Information on government, crime, victimization and justice, based in Mexico, it also aims to consider the potential establishment of a Centre of Excellence on statistics on crime and criminal justice for the region, which would serve as a resource hub to assist countries in enhancing quality and availability of statistics on crime and criminal justice.

Objectives

- I. To review the recent progress of crime and criminal justice statistics collected, produced, and used by countries of the region.
- II. To discuss new statistical requirements deriving from SDGs and to understand how international standards, such as the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS), can support the countries in this process.
- III. To discuss the organizational and institutional arrangements to produce crime and criminal justice data, exchange information on national practices and review how the UN-CTS can better support countries.
- IV. To discuss options on a possible Center of Excellence (CoE) on statistics on crime and criminal justice in in Asia-Pacific.

Program / Agenda

The agenda for the three-day conference entail four plenary sessions on the themes of

- a) Priorities in Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics globally and regionally

- b) How to improve data for SDG indicators in the area of crime and criminal justice

- c) Challenges in Collecting and Disseminating Statistics on Crime and Criminal Justice

- d) The revised UN Crime Trends Survey (UN-CTS) and the implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)

- e) Which international and national activities to support capacity building on crime and criminal justice statistics

Each of the session will include presentations by representatives from national authorities and international organizations, followed by plenary and/or group discussions.

Participants

Representatives from national statistics agencies and institutions active in production and use of data on crime and criminal justice in countries of Asia-Pacific region will attend the meeting. Representatives from international organizations active in the area of statistics on crime, security, access to justice and rule of law will also participate, along with individual experts and selected national representatives from other countries.